

ON THE APPOMATOX.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED IN THE COCKADE CITY.

Death of a Lady—Applicants for Municipal Offices—The Thorpe-Epes Depositions—Good Prices for Tobacco—A Sudden Storm.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Martha B. Hack, widow of J. B. Hack, died last night of paralysis at the home of her son, in Highland; aged about 60 years. She was comparatively well yesterday morning, but during the afternoon suffered a stroke of paralysis—her fourth attack—from the effects of which she died in a few hours. Deceased was a native of Amelia county, but had lived in Petersburg nearly all her life. She had been the mother of thirteen children, only one of whom, Mr. Joseph B. Hack, an engineer on the Norfolk and Western railroad, survives her.

APPLICANTS FOR OFFICE.

There are many applicants for each of the offices of Superintendent of the Water-Works and Keeper of Mansfield Cemetery, made vacant by the recent deaths of Mr. Edward Whyte and Mr. James Muirhead. The Common Council will fill these offices at the March meeting of that body. In the mean while the members of that honorable body are being besieged, but, like wise men, they keep their mouths shut and make no promises.

GENERAL NEWS.

Colonel James D. Brady, who has been confined to his residence by indisposition for some days, is able to be out again. It is said that the depositions in his case for Mr. R. T. Thorpe, in the next Congress, will be closed the last of this week. Friends of Mr. Epes, who have closely watched the evidence thus far taken, express the utmost confidence that he will retain his seat.

The highest prices for tobacco realized in this market in many years were obtained to-day at the sales at Oaks Warehouse. These prices ranged from 19 to 22 cents for the crop of 1896. A. Smith, of Brunswick county, justifying the statement that whenever a good article of the market it will bring a good price.

About 1 o'clock this morning our people were generally awakened by the visitation of a severe rain and wind-storm. For a few minutes the wind blew with great force, and the rain fell in torrents, but the storm seemed to pass almost as quickly as it came. Trees were broken and fences prostrated, but little other damage was done. The storm, however, proved a relief to many.

Captain John Hogwood, a freight conductor on the Norfolk and Western railroad, who was so severely injured while coupling cars in the company's yard in Norfolk yesterday, has been taken to his home in Crew. Captain Hogwood was formerly a citizen of Petersburg, where he has many relatives and friends.

John Davis, the negro who was arrested last night for burglary, was this morning sent on to the Hastings Court for trial. He has already served a term in the penitentiary, and will probably go back to that institution for an additional term of years.

A telegram was received here to-day from Williamsburg announcing the death there of Mrs. Alexander Lufsey, of this city.

WYTHEVILLE.

Death of a Well-Known Lady—Brief Mention.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sallie, wife of Dr. Alex. S. Haller, died at her home, in this place, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, of peritonitis. She was sick only one week. The interment took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Barclay, of the Presbyterian church, officiated. She was the mother of Mrs. Dr. William Ewald, of Portsmouth; Dr. John P. Haller, of Pocahontas; Dr. William Haller, of Bristol; Dr. Jacob V. Haller, of this place, who is president of the State Board of Examiners, and of Mr. C. D. Haller, of the Norfolk and Western road, at Roanoke. The deceased was a Miss Doriot, sister of Mr. Victor Doriot, of Bristol, and was 62 years old. W. D. Smith, who was tried in the Bedford Court last Friday, and convicted of robbing the store of Captain Roberts in that place—a case which has gained a State-wide reputation—has been brought to Wytheville and jailed here for safe-keeping. Smith was given two years in the penitentiary, and the case has been appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Sallie Blair died at her home, near Gosport, in Carroll county, a few days ago, at the advanced age of 98 years. Her husband, Thomas Blair, was one of the earliest settlers of that county, owning a large body of land, much of which has since proved to be very valuable mineral property.

James Reppas, a well-known citizen of Max Meadows, is very ill of typhoid fever.

Hon. Samuel W. Williams and Mr. John S. Draper, Jr., of Pulaski City, have formed a partnership to practice law in Pulaski county.

Hon. J. C. Wysox, of Newbern, has bought property at Pulaski City, and will move to that place.

The relatives and friends in this section of Vice-Consul W. W. Wysox, at Jersey de la Frontera, Spain, are grieved to hear of his falling health. He is now on his way to America, and it is supposed that he will arrive at his home, in Pulaski county, in a few days.

The revival at the Methodist church closed very unexpectedly last night. The meeting was in progress for quite six weeks, and there were 245 conversions.

This immediate section was visited by thunder-and-lightning storms yesterday, and again this morning.

Vegetables begin to have appearance of spring.

Bell Granted a New Trial.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—The Corporation Court convened this afternoon, and considered the motion for a new trial of Harvey Bell, convicted of wife-murder. George I. Bowyer, the juror who had also served upon the grand jury, swore that the fact of his serving upon the grand jury escaped his memory, or he would have been unwilling to sit upon the petit jury. H. P. Spangler testified to having heard Mr. Bowyer express the opinion that Bell should be hanged. This testimony remaining uncontradicted, Judge Duke granted Bell a new trial.

Holes in Your Health.

What does that mean? Suppose you are taking in money all day, and drop it into a pocket with holes; you will find yourself a loser instead of a gainer by the day's business. Same with your health. You eat and drink and sleep, yet lose instead of gain strength. There's a hole in your health. Some blood disease, probably, sapping your vitality. You can't begin, too soon, to take the great blood purifier,

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HALIFAX.

Court-Day—South Boston Notes—A Marriage.

SOUTH BOSTON, February 23.—(Special.)—Yesterday was County Court. It rained all day, consequently there was the smallest crowd ever seen at Housatonic. Not more than fifty persons were present from the rural districts, and they came by rail. No business of general interest was transacted. The few people in attendance left early for home, which was the best place for every attendance. There was a considerable wind- and rain-storm last night. Dan river, which has been much swollen for several days, is rising rapidly, and a big freshet is looked for.

Washington's Birthday was observed by the banks and post-office. Aside from these, no one would have known that it was the anniversary of the birth of the Father of his Country.

Colonel Thomas E. Barksdale, Superintendent of Public Instruction, held a colored institute meeting here on Friday and Saturday last. There were a goodly number of teachers and pupils in attendance. The institute was held in the evening, and the number of children who attend number nearly three thousand. These institute meetings are always conducted in a most orderly and peaceable manner. The tobacco season has been light this week. The continuous rains have made the roads almost impassable.

This evening at 2 o'clock, at the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Elmer Maynard, a young, energetic, and prosperous hardware merchant of this town, and Miss Ida Trent Vaughan were united in marriage. Miss Ida Noblin, daughter of Hon. R. R. Noblin, was maid of honor, and Mr. A. B. Wingham, of Goldsboro, N. C., was best man. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens. There was an immense crowd present. Rev. F. M. Edwards, pastor, officiated. The wedding took place at the north-bound train at 2 P. M. for an extended trip.

FREDERICKSBURG.

High Water—A High Tea—Personal Notes.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—A special from Orange Courthouse says 6 inches of rain has fallen there this month. The river here to-night is very high, and still rising. Smaller streams are all out of their beds and are to be feared without great personal risk. Mail-carriers to the surrounding country offices served from here are water-bound for the time.

A high tea at the residence of Mrs. W. C. Stearns this evening was largely attended by the elite of the city. All kinds of refreshments were served, and the parlors were handsomely decorated. Mr. James A. Moncre, of Richmond, spent to-day here with friends. A. P. Thornton, of Ashland, is here, the guest of Miss Sallie Tapscott.

Mrs. A. P. Thornton, of Caroline, died at her residence, near Port Royal, yesterday. She was the wife of the late A. P. Thornton, one time an Episcopal Missionary to China.

Mr. James B. Burton, a well-known citizen and magistrate for Aquia District, died to-day at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Burton, of typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. Joseph N. Pritchett died at his home, near Massaponoma church, in this county, last night of pneumonia.

THE HELENA'S TRIAL TRIP.

A Great Success—She Exceeds Contract Speed.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—The gunboat Helena, the counterpart of the Wilmington, which made a successful run in the bay Saturday, was given a trial trip of speed for the first time to-day, and exceeded her contract speed by two and one-tenth knots, making the course in splendid time. If the ship does as well on her official trip, she will earn her builders a large body of orders. The Helena, related over the test, as the ship's propeller is of a different pattern from that of her companions, the Nashville and Wilmington, and her trip to-day was closely watched. The weather was favorable for a test of speed, and the machinery of the vessel worked perfectly. Her boilers are of a new type, but they generated steam rapidly, and no trouble was experienced in keeping the engines supplied. Her contract speed is thirteen knots.

WOODSTOCK.

Bridge Contracts—Shenandoah River Very High.

WOODSTOCK, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—Sealed proposals were opened here to-day for the erection of two steel bridges over the Shenandoah, one near Edinburg and one near Mount Jackson. Seventeen bridge companies have in bids, and the Road Commissioners have been in secret session all day, hearing the various plans. The contracts will possibly be awarded to-morrow.

A large portion of the dam remaining at Triplett's Mill, near town, was carried away last night. About sixty feet was carried away by ice and high water several weeks ago. The precipitation Sunday night and Monday was 2-4 inches.

Tazewell Notes.

TAEWELL, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth S. Acton, a very old lady and an invalid, mother of Mrs. George H. Landon, was buried severely yesterday morning at her daughter's residence, and on account of age and feebleness there is great doubt of her recovery.

Rev. W. D. Buckner delivered a fine sermon Sunday in the Stras Memorial church to the Odd-Fellows of this place, which has become a strong body, and had a fine congregation present.

We are glad to note that, notwithstanding the cold weather, the church, which would have given him an opening for advancement occurring to but few members, he declined the offer.

Messrs. Henry & Graham left here on yesterday for Charleston, W. Va., where the final decree will be handed down by Judge Jackson, disposing of the long-contested water case between Bluefield and Graham.

Notwithstanding we are at an altitude of 2,500 feet, thunder-storms for the past few days and nights have been as common as in the middle of summer.

Had a Comfortable Run.

NORFOLK, VA., February 23.—(Special.)—The United States cruiser New York, Columbia, and Indiana, of the North Atlantic squadron, passed in the cove at 11 o'clock this morning from Charleston. The vessels had a comfortable run on the coast.

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Extraordinary Silk Selling is being done. How can you afford to miss it?

Pure Silk Black Mirror Moires, in large and small broad, designs, cost \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard, for 90c—20 different patterns to choose from.

Hand-Woven Wide Printed India Silks, in the newest colorings, large designs, this season's goods, 60c. kind, for 35c.

Pure Silk Black Satin Duchesse, wide width, for 50c—cost \$1.00 to import.

Heavy Fancy Figured Taffeta, in newest, brightest colors, for 40c—75 and 85c. kind.

30 pieces of COLORED WORSTED DRESS GOODS, in solid colors, two-toned colors, stripes, &c., new spring effects, 20c. kind, for 1-10c.

Handsome All-wool Novelty Spring Dress Goods, 30c. kind, for 20c.

LARGE HAND-WOVEN MARSEILLES BED-Spreads, extra heavy, the usual 60c. kind, for 35c.

Heavy German Linen Table Damask, new designs, 2 yards wide, cost the owner 60c., for 25c. a yard.

60 and 70c. High-Grade Ladies' Muslin Night-Robes for 35c.

This season's HANDSOME FRENCH WASH SHIRT-WAISTS, newest and prettiest designs, perfect fitting, for 40c—50c. kind.

STRIPED AND CHECKED FRENCH NAINSOOKS, the kind that's always 15-20c., for 7-10c.

New Designs of Linen Torchon Laces, 3-12 inches wide, for 5c. a yard.

Black French Satin Skirts, cut in newest designs, handsomely gotten up, for 85c. each.

12 yards of Machine-Made Torchon Lace for 35c.

30x39-inch HEAVY WATER-ABSORBING, THIRTY, BATH TOWELS for 4-10c. each.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, deep hem, yoke bands, and tucks, well made, for 10c. a pair.

LADIES' HAND - EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, 50 different embroidered designs, 25c. ones, for 7-10c.

LADIES' BLACK SEAMLESS HOSE, stainless, double heels and toes, 12-1-2c. usually, this sale 2 pairs for 12-1-2c.

BLACK OR COLORED SOUTACH BRAID, 24 yards for 15c.

Fruit of the Loom Cotton, branded, full pieces, for 4-10c. a yard.

Utica Sheet, any width, not remnants, for 15-20c.

All the new designs in Real French Percales, in large, handsome effects, for 1-10c.

THE INVENTORY SALE makes a cyclone in Ribbon prices.

No. 60 All-Silk Taffeta Ribbons, in Pink, Blue, Corn, Lilac, White, and Light-Green, for 12-1-2c.

Handsome Print-Warp Fancy Silk Ribbons, No. 40, for 1-1-2c. a yard.

Handsome Two-Tone All-Silk Taffeta Ribbon, No. 9, for 5c. a yard.

Large size bottles of Imported Florida Water, importer's cost 25c., 10c. each.

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Bud Lindsay Was Never a Prisoner Here.

If Bud Lindsay, the man who is alleged to have served twenty-one years in prison for the alleged murder of Joseph Murdock, who has since turned up alive, ever languished in the Virginia penitentiary, as stated in a telegram from Middleboro, Ky., there is no record of it on the books of that institution. As was stated in the Dispatch yesterday morning, there was no recollection of the man at the prison, and a careful search of the books shows that he was never a prisoner here.

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